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## LETTER REGARDING EXAMINER'S STATEMENT FOR REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed December 13, 2004, the Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that not all the claims include each of the structures or method steps recited in the Examiner's Statement. Also, to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of any claim rests on the recitation of a single feature, the Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement because it is the combination of features recited in each claim that makes that claim patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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